

Hall Witness Says He Saw 'Pig Woman' in Love Lane

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became known that she would not be able to testify for days, probably weeks.

Jury Laughs and Jokes

As usual the doors of the trial room were closed when all seats were occupied. The jury filed in, laughing and joking. Robert H. McCarter and the rest of the array of defense counsel took places about a table, across from Senator Simpson. Justice Charles W. Parker mounted the bench. The case once more was under way.

Charles R. Gildersleeve, a former lay reader in Dr. Hall's church, was the first witness called by Simpson. He identified a picture of the church.

Q. Did you ever see Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills in New York together? A. Once, at 49th and Broadway.

Q. Did you speak to them? A. No, the distance between us was too great.

Simpson turned his witness over to the defense, but he was passed unquestioned.

Saw Mrs. Gibson in Lane

Robert Ehrling, a millwright, was the next witness. A meek little man in wrinkled clothes, he



Mrs. Frances Hall Robert Ehrling

gave his answers in a straightforward voice which belied his appearance. He said he had often taken laundry to the home of Mrs. Gibson.

Q. Were you ever in De Russey's Lane. A. Yes, the Thursday night of the murders I had my car parked. Mrs. Gibson came alongside on her mule.

Q. Did you speak to her? A. No, I turned my head aside.

Simpson turned the witness over to the defense. McCarter asked:—

Q. Who was with you in De Russey's Lane the night of the murder? A. A girl.

Q. Who was the girl? A. I refuse to give her name.

McCarter asked the court to instruct the witness to answer. Simpson objected.

Forced to Name Girl

"I won't tell, because she is married now and has two children," Ehrling answered.

Judge Parker asked if the woman was married at that time. "She was not."

Justice Parker decreed the woman's identity must be revealed.

"She was Miss Jennie Lemp-hort," Ehrling stammered.

"What is her name now?"

Ehrling hesitated. Justice Parker rebuked McCarter.

While Ehrling succeeded in keeping the young woman's name from the court record, it was

learned that her name is now Wahler.

The defense indicated that they would produce Mrs. Wahler as one of their witnesses to deny that she saw the "pig woman" in De Russey's Lane on the night of September 14.

She already has denied it to newspaper men.

There was an audible hissing in the front rows as McCarter continued.

"That night, where did you pick up Miss Lemp-hort in New Brunswick?"

"On Lawrence Street, about 11 o'clock in the morning. We were seeing some of her friends in Elizabethport all day. We came back to her house for supper."

Q. Were her family there? A. Yes, her father and brother. We started out and entered De Russey's Lane by way of Hamilton Street.

Mixed Up About Time

Q. What time was that? A. I couldn't tell.

Q. Didn't you testify at an earlier hearing that you knew the time but didn't carry a watch? A. I don't remember.

Reading from a record, McCarter showed that Ehrling had fixed the hour as 8.30 p. m.

The young man was suffering visibly as McCarter dragged from him the story of his love affair. He squirmed in his seat and his weak eyes blinked rapidly.

The old barrister, who booms out his wrath against all state witnesses, was not sparing the man who placed Jane Gibson near the murder scene.

Q. Where did you stop in the lane? A. Opposite the spring.

Q. This young lady was with you when you stopped? A. Yes.

Q. How long did you remain in De Russey's Lane. A. I guess about two or three hours.

Walked in Lane

Q. If you were there two or three hours, did you stay in the car all the time? A. No, we got out and took a walk down the lane toward Hamilton Avenue.

Q. How long had you been sitting in the car in De Russey's Lane before you got out? A. About an hour.

Q. What were you doing? A. Talking.

Q. You weren't talked out, after being together all day? A. No.

Q. Was it moonlight when you got out? A. I don't think so.

Q. What did you walk down the lane for? A. I was tired of sitting in the car all day.

Q. Didn't stop? A. Well, maybe paused once or twice.

Seeks to Discredit Witness

The defense lawyer appeared to be seeking to discredit his witness by getting him to change the story of his actions with the girl. Ehrling was not to be shaken, however.

Q. You were sitting together in the car when you say a woman came up.

Simpson objected.

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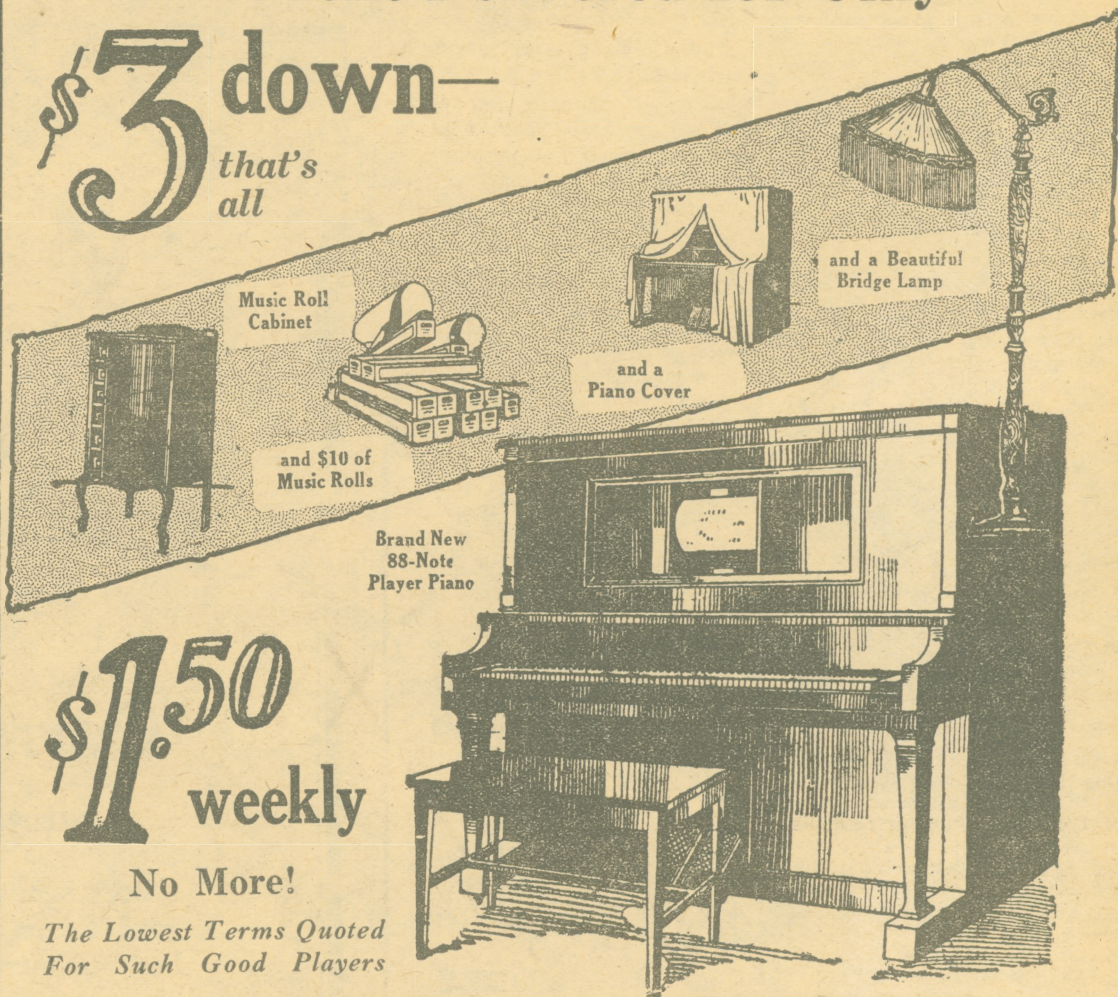
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